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The city led Canada in reducing impaired driving charges between 2001 and 2011

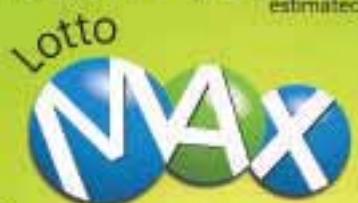
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Local ice dance duo Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir plan to take a breather before hitting the ice in Sochi

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## The Knights advantage

Not since the 2007 OHL post-season's second round have the Knights lost when trying to clinch a series on the first attempt

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Bob Usher, CEO of the Covent Garden Market, is pictured Thursday with a sign advertising the market's commitment to local products. According to CFIA guidelines, however, much of what's being sold there doesn't qualify for a 'local' stamp. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

## Your input

The city's ReThink London team wants your input, again, as planners involved in the effort will conduct a community 'check-in' May 2

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## Canadian connection

The Bangladesh garment factory collapse shocks some Canadians as they learn their clothes were made there

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## Mushroom dish inspired by Morocco

The addition of couscous, coriander, cumin and mint gives a Middle Eastern flavour to stuffed mushrooms



# Definition of local food up for debate

**Perspective.** Federal, provincial governments differ on issue

In numbers

## \$50,000

Possible maximum fine for businesses that advertise "local" products that don't meet the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's definition of "local."

"We have always considered local to be within the 100 kilometre range," Usher said. "There are a number of producers who are just outside of that 50 kilometre distance."

To name a few, Usher said: "Park's Blueberries is probably just over 50 kilometres (away), they bring their blueberries in here. Field Gate Organics, they are in Zurich, we have a great corn producer in Paris."

"They are all outside that 50-kilometre range, but it is hard to imagine they are not local."

Under CFIA's guidelines, what can be considered local at the Covent Garden Market may not be considered local at the Western Fair Farmers' Market — less than three kilometers away.

"I think that it is too stringent," David Cook, owner of the Western Fair market, said about the federal rules. "We have always tried to emphasize the origin of the product, and let the customer decide what is local and what is not."

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**Highly toxic gas**

**Police issue public safety alert about 'detergent suicides'**

Police are warning people not to rush to the aid of people who may appear to be sleeping or passed out in vehicles.

The cars may be filled with a toxic mixture of chemicals used in what's become known as "detergent suicides," the Ontario Provincial Police say.

Two area OPP officers were taken to hospital this week after inhaling toxins during an attempted rescue. Sgt. Dave Rektor said officers have been called to nearly 10 similar scenes in the past year.

The mixture used in the suicides is fairly easy to make, Rektor said.

"None of the ingredients are illegal to possess," he said. "They can be purchased over the counter or bought online to be made into a mixture."

When combined, the ingredients create hydrogen sulphide — a colourless, poisonous gas that smells like rotten eggs. The gas is similar to cyanide and five times more toxic than carbon monoxide in enclosed spaces, police said.

In low levels, hydrogen sulphide can cause eye irritation, a sore throat, coughing, nausea, shortness of breath and fluid in the lungs.

Moderate exposure can cause fatigue, loss of appetite, vomiting, staggering and headaches.

Exposure to high levels of the gas can cause convulsions, amnesia, respiratory paralysis and asphyxiation.

DAVE DE VRIES/FOR METRO



**One for you, one for someone special**

London Special Olympics athletes Stephanie Rolph, left, and Danny Marchand, centre, give carnations to Philomena Corso on Thursday morning to mark Pay It Forward Day. About 25 Special Olympics athletes and volunteers were handing out flowers along Wellington Street. People were given two carnations, one for themselves and one to pass along to someone special. For more pictures, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca). MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

## Local impaired driving stats take a huge dip

**We're number one.**  
Several factors could be at play, police say

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London led the nation in reducing impaired driving charges between 2001 and 2011.

The number of charges laid during the decade was cut by 52 per cent locally, according to Statistics Canada.

London police Sgt. Ryan Scrivens is encouraged by the numbers. But, he said, Londoners can do better.

"We want to get that number as close to zero as we can," said Scrivens, who works in the service's traffic-management unit.

The department, he noted, is continuing to focus on the problem, having upped the number of R.I.D.E. programs by 10 per cent from 2011 to 2012.

Windsor, Ont., saw the second biggest dip in the

country with the number of charges laid cut 50 per cent, according to Statistics Canada. Kingston, Ont., rounded out the top three with a 46 per cent reduction.

Going the other way, St. John's, Nfld., saw a 171 per cent increase in impaired driving charges during the period — the biggest jump in Canada.

A number of factors could be playing a role in London's numbers and those for other urban areas, Scrivens said.

**At a glance:**

Average jail sentences for impaired driving convictions in Ontario increased from 67 days in 2001 to 90 days in 2011, according to London police Sgt. Ryan Scrivens.

"Public transit, services like Keys Please all contribute to less people driving" after a night on the town,

## \$40K+. Police turn up drug cache, stun gun at northeast London home

Police seized more than \$40,000 worth of drugs, a stun gun and stolen landscaping equipment after raiding Valleyview Avenue home on Wednesday.

The items were stolen during a break-in at the Highland Golf and Country Club last weekend, police said.

Drugs found at the residence included nearly 60 grams of opium and nearly

2,500 grams of marijuana.

Mohammad Nassiri, 48, and Judith Jones, 34, have been charged with possession of property obtained by crime, possession of prohibited/restricted weapon and possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking.

Nassiri also is charged with possessing a weapon while prohibited.

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**Oakridge**

**Court case for double-homicide suspect delayed**

A man charged with double-homicide after police found two men dead in his Oakridge apartment will be back in court May 9.

Jason Cleveland, 38, was scheduled for a Thursday hearing but the Crown says it needs more time to turn over evidence to Cleveland's lawyer. [AM980/AM980.CA](http://AM980/AM980.CA)

## The other Robert Kennedy. Western taps new dean for Ivey

A University of Michigan administrator and professor has been named dean of Western's Richard Ivey School of Business.

Robert Kennedy will assume his new post Oct. 1, replacing Carol Stephen-son, who is retiring. He's signed a five-year contract.

Kennedy has been with Michigan's business school for the last decade and was a faculty member at the Harvard School of Business before that.

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**TVDSB looking for budget input**

Thames Valley District School Board trustees are looking for input on the 2013-14 budget. Comments can be made on [tvdsb.ca/budget](http://tvdsb.ca/budget), or written to Jennifer Coghill at the Thames Valley District School Board (1250 Dundas St.). **METRO**

30 feet for 30 years

**City to mark Joe Kool's anniversary**

City officials will dedicate a 30-foot Victoria Park tree to Joe Kool's on Friday for the restaurant's 30th anniversary. Joe Kool's owner Mike Smith is an environmental enthusiast and planted the roots of the city's annual spring cleanup more than a decade ago. **METRO**

Sweat for Strong Kids

**YMCA fundraiser to help families**

The YMCA of Western Ontario will host a Sweat for Strong Kids at all branches Saturday. People are being asked to gather pledges and rack up 30 minutes of cardio exercise. Proceeds will help families access camps and YMCA programs. For more, visit [ymcawo.ca](http://ymcawo.ca). **METRO**

Human Touch Award

**Cancer centre team gets nod**

A local team of radiation therapists and one orderly have received Cancer Care Ontario's Human Touch Award for going over and beyond the call of duty. The 10 honourees do it all, including buying gifts for children who have completed treatment. **METRO**

July 11 performance

**Alice in Chains tickets available**

Tickets went on sale at 10 a.m. Friday for Alice in Chains' performance at Budweiser Gardens. The band will perform July 11 with guests Chevelle and Monster Truck. Tickets are available by calling 866-455-2849 or visiting [budweiser-gardens.com](http://budweiser-gardens.com). **METRO**

'Soon'

**Cellphone bill shock**

The Liberals hope to make Ontario the fifth province with rules to protect consumers from cellphone bill shock. Consumer Services Minister Tracy MacCharles says she'll bring forward legislation "soon" that would make it easier to understand cellphone costs and terms. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# ReThink London talks re-opened

**Future development.**

People offered a chance to give first impressions as plan nears final stages



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The city's ReThink London team wants your input, again.

Planners involved in the effort will conduct a community "check-in" May 2 to make sure all their i's are dotted and their t's are crossed.

ReThink, launched in May of last year, is a massive project designed to map out the way London should be developed in the future.

Leaders say more than

**First date**

Release dates and titles for ReThink discussion papers:

- **May 2:** Fostering a Prosperous City; Connecting the Region; Building a Mixed Use Compact City

9,000 people participated in public-input sessions last year. Next month's check-in will include several discussion papers asking people if they like the way the plan — set to be completed by year's end — is shaping up.

"We want to genuinely hear if we captured things correctly," city planner John Fleming said.

**Soap Bubbles of Love march against parental alienation**

Adina Innis, 9, of London, lets a few bubbles float out of a machine Thursday as a Soap Bubbles of Love march makes its way past downtown's courthouse. People paraded through downtown, released balloons and gathered outside the Covent Garden Market to celebrate Parental Alienation Awareness Day. The observance aims to create awareness about the importance of not putting kids in the middle of nasty divorces. Visit [paawarenessday.com](http://paawarenessday.com) to learn more. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

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Virus affects boys, too

**Group wants HPV vaccine for boys**

A physicians' group is calling on provinces and territories to widen their HPV vaccination programs to include boys.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada says jurisdictions should follow Prince Edward Island's lead and make their programs open to both genders.

Recently P.E.I. became the first province to make the vaccine publicly available to both girls and boys.

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**Citizen applications****Feds aim to cut wait times**

Canada's immigration minister says he wants to see citizenship applications processed in 12 months or less.

Jason Kenney told a Commons committee he is concerned about the backlog of citizenship applications in the system.

At the end of 2012, there were nearly 350,000 cases in the system, almost double the number since 2007.

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**Assisted suicide****Canadian dies with aid of doctor in Switzerland**

A Manitoba woman won her battle Thursday for the right to die on her own terms, with the help of a doctor, before she could be consumed by a disease that was robbing her of control over her body.

Susan Griffiths, 72, died peacefully with some family members by her side at the Dignitas clinic in Zurich, Switzerland, a friend confirmed.

Switzerland is the only country that allows physician-assisted suicide for non-residents.

Griffiths did not go quietly, though. She went public with her story in the hope that Canada may change its laws.

"I sincerely hope that Canadian laws will change soon to allow individuals like myself to make end-of-life choices at home," she wrote in one of her final messages — an email to The Canadian Press on Wednesday.

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**Racism. Apology to black firefighters in Halifax signals 'new day': Chief**

Firefighter Robert Gray paused for a moment and looked down at the small fire truck in his hand, a crowd of nearly 100 people watching silently.

"Up until the last year and a half I would never have recommended this job to anyone," Gray said. "But in the last 15 months or so, I do enjoy coming to work. It's changed."

On Thursday morning, the human rights complaint against Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and its fire service around racism in the workforce came to an end as members of the Halifax Association of Black Firefighters (HABFF), HRM and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission gathered to hear an official apology, and present a plan to end discrimination in the future.

"As an employer, we should have done more to prepare the work environment to be inclusive and protect you as employees and as people," said HRM fire chief Doug Trussler.

The complaint was filed by a group of black firefighters back in 2009, detailing several instances of racism since 2002.



Ray Adekayode, Halifax Association of Black Firefighters. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Many incidents involved racial slurs, but the common thread is that follow-up investigations into the incidents were inadequate.

"Frustration just reached a boiling point. They'd throw processes in, and then wouldn't do them," said Ray Adekayode, one of the firefighters who spoke during the meeting.

The parties also introduced a 26-point plan acknowledging the shortcomings of the service and creating specific ways to ensure racism is eliminated.

HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

**Your tax dollars at work**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says there's nothing wrong with the Conservatives using taxpayer dollars to finance a bulk mail campaign against Justin Trudeau. Harper told a news conference Thursday that the campaign is well within the rules of the House of Commons.

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**Canucks to eat on \$1.75 a day**

**Hungering for change.** Challenge to help create awareness of global poverty, raise money for charities

Could you live on \$1.75 a day and eat nutritiously?

Hundreds of Canadians are going to join thousands around the world next week in a challenge called Live Below the Line, created by the Global Poverty Project to raise awareness of poverty.

The \$1.75 figure is the Canadian equivalent of the extreme poverty line as defined by the World Bank. Some 1.4 billion people live on that amount for all their needs, not just food and drink.

Lost Girl star Zoie Palmer and Aaron Abrams from the TV series Hannibal are among those in Canada lending their voices to the challenge. In the U.S., Oscar winner Ben Affleck is planning to take the chal-



This curried vegetable soup costs \$0.50 per person to make. Check out Metro's Food section on Monday for Live Below the Line's recipes that cost between 50 to 65 cents and fit the \$1.75 per day food budget.

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lenge to raise awareness.

From next Monday to Friday, participants are asked to spend no more than \$8.75 total for all meals and drinks. They are not supposed to eat food they have on hand unless that cost is factored in. They can drink tap water. They're asked not to accept donated items from friends or family, though

monetary donations are encouraged to help participants meet their fundraising goals.

"For a lot of people, \$1.75 a day is less than they spend on their morning coffee, so it is a step outside of most people's comfort zone," said Erin Deviney, Live Below the Line campaign manager in Canada.

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**Tories promote tougher criminal justice agenda**

The complexity of including the perspective of victims in Canada's criminal justice system was encapsulated Thursday in a single, 24-minute news conference on Parliament Hill.

And it highlighted a question that too often goes unasked in official Ottawa: When does justice for victims become Old Testament vengeance on criminals?

"It's taken years for victims to try to get the message out that we are not these angry, vengeful people," said Sharon Rosenfeldt, whose 16-year-old son Daryn was one of the victims of serial killer Clifford Olsen in 1981.

"However, there is victimization whether you want to accept it or not. There is an aftermath to crime."

Rosenfeldt was on hand as the Conservative government announced it would back a private member's bill designed to keep some killers behind bars for up to 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

The measure, which



Sharon Rosenfeldt, whose son Daryn Johnsrude was killed at the age of 16 by serial killer Clifford Olson, was on hand as the Conservative government announced it would back a private member's bill designed to keep some killers behind bars for up to 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

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capped the eighth annual Victims of Crime Week in Ottawa, is the work of Manitoba Conservative MP James Bezan, who says he was motivated by the needs of victims of crime, not a desire to punish the perpetrators.

Where victims once lobbied successfully for the right to appear and make represen-

tations at parole hearings, some now say those hearings can be too traumatic to bear.

Bezan's bill would allow judges to impose sentences of up to 40 years without parole for murders which involve a kidnapping and a sexual offence against the victim — "the most sadistic of our society," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Surprise plot twist! Cancelled soap operas are resurrected online

**Daytime-TV drama.**  
Digital programmers bet on 2 major series booted from ABC

Taped to a wall at the entrance to the Connecticut Film Center in Stamford, Conn., is this greeting: "Welcome (back) to Pine Valley." Pine Valley, of course, is the mythical setting of *All My Children*, a daytime drama that ran on ABC for nearly 41 years until it was snuffed in 2011.

But now, in one of those plot twists so common to soap operas but so rare in the real world, *All My Children* has been raised from the dead.

Was its cancellation just a bad dream, from which the show is now awakening? In any



Cady McClain as Dixie Cooney on the set of *All My Children*.  
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case, AMC will be back starting Monday with much of its august cast intact.

But this time, it will not be on a broadcast network. It will be online. So will *One Life to Live*, another venerable soap cut down by ABC after 44 seasons. Each serial will unveil four daily half-hours per week, plus

## Broadcast bust

- This resurrection could reverse the doomsday plot that has plagued soaps for decades as their viewership withered and their numbers sank (there are only four left on the broadcast networks).

a recap/behind-the-scenes episode on Fridays, with 42 weeks of original programming promised for the first year.

They will be available for streaming on computers on the Hulu website, which is currently only accessible in the U.S., and also available for purchase on iTunes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Bangladesh. Joe Fresh customers shocked at garment factory tragedy

As rescuers continued to pull corpses and survivors from the rubble of a collapsed garment factory in Bangladesh, some consumers in Canada were shocked to learn that items from their favourite brands were made there.

The building collapsed Wednesday, killing at least 238 people. Canadian clothing line Joe Fresh was among the customers of the factories operating in the building.

Natalie Erb, 24, shops at Joe Fresh at least once a week for everything from yoga clothes

to office wear, she said. The news out of Bangladesh has the loyal customer disturbed about her purchases. "To be honest, I had never really done much research into where Joe Fresh manufactures their clothing, but knowing what I do now, I'm hugely disappointed in the company," said the Halifax woman.

Joe Fresh parent company Loblaw released a statement saying some Joe Fresh items were made in the factory and offered its condolences to the victims and their families.

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# MONKEY ISN'T A BELIEBER

**1 Don't get scroogled.** Microsoft joined the ranks of Google's accusers regarding the search-engine giant's privacy issues. This is a topic of major concern to social-media users who were under the impression that self-posted pics of their drunken, topless night at Mardi Gras would be contained to immediate Twitter followers, and close friends of their Facebook friends.

**2 Extra Terrestrial.** Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield has built a huge fan following from on-board the International Space Station. (Give him a follow at @Cmdr\_Hadfield for updates.) His video tweets demonstrate routine tasks in space like brushing teeth and preparing food. Am I the only one who secretly wants to see him attacked by some giant, hairy octopus, or a lizard in a cape? Maybe, but now you're thinking, "I'd watch that," aren't you?



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**3 Lavish libations.** The bottle of 50-year-old Glenfiddich single malt scotch stolen from a Toronto liquor store this week was worth \$26,000? Does it come in a limo, with a supermodel, and 200 bottles of Patrón? I'm sure he only stole it after his co-signer fell through. Ridiculous.

**4 Breaking the mould.** Construction of the Edmonton Oilers' new stadium is surrounded by controversy over whether it would dishonour Wayne Gretzky to leave his statue outside the old building, or move it to an arena where he never played. Dishonour? You gave him his own freaking statue!

**5 X Factor.** Shocking news reports revealed that Khloé Kardashian Odom will not return as host next season. No reasons were given for her departure, but producers would be hard-pressed to find a replacement with the same laughable insight, clumsy teleprompter reading, and complete lack of experience and screen presence.

**6 Belieber?** The deadline has passed for Justin Bieber to re-claim his monkey, which critics say was too young to have even been taken from his mother (or did they mean Justin?) The monkey, which once was set to lead a life of rock-star luxury, will now probably end up in the hands of someone like David Hasselhoff.

**7 Hateration.** A week after beating Kristen Stewart, Chris Brown and Kim Kardashian to top the list of most hated celebrities, Gwyneth Paltrow is People magazine's most beautiful woman. This is just like the time George W. Bush got re-elected.

**8 Under the influence.** Reese Witherspoon avoided appearances after her arrest for disorderly conduct. According to reports, police suspected husband Jim Toth of driving while intoxicated. The actress, claiming to be sober, exited the car, cursing and asking the officer, "Do you know my name?" He didn't. It probably didn't help that she yelled, "I'm Weese Rithersnoop, dammit!"

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### Why so pixelated?

#### It's sew great! Art made of buttons

On its own, a button is rather uninteresting, but when Augusto Esquivel puts many of them together, the result is an imaginative masterpiece — like his version of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. METRO

#### Photog's perspective



"I like the idea of something that looks solid and heavy but is actually light and inconsistent to the touch."

Augusto Esquivel, 30, artist based in Miami, Fla.

#### Every button needs a button hole

Esquivel's process of making his artwork starts with making an acrylic box with thousands of holes in it, from which the buttons can hang. He then painstakingly paints hundreds of buttons individually and waits for them to dry before hanging them meticulously in place. METRO



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Though it might not seem like it across this curiously cold country of ours, summer is (they say) around the corner. And as the sun comes out to play, so, too, do the spare tires we've been inadvertently grooming all winter (this is not to say those lazy mornings and greasy breakfasts weren't entirely worth it). But if hitting the gym isn't your style, click on these websites for fitness inspiration instead.

#### Fitocracy.com

What happens when a former fat kid and a video-game nerd get together to get fit? Introducing the gamification of fitness. Try to beat your personal best or your online arch nemesis.

#### Examine.com

Just because you've worked out doesn't mean you get to chow down on that McDouble after sweating and pumping

iron. Created by "informed skeptics," Examine is an editor- and contributor-run hub for nutrition and supplement information.

#### Whattoweartool.com

Created by Runner's World, this tool helps the newb runner dress for the occasion. Fill in a few vague details (gender, workout intensity and the weather) and voila, a personal dresser for your runs.

#### Letters

I am a Muslim teenager living near Toronto, where the non-Muslim citizens of this country are starting to possess a negative point of view against my religion.

As a practicing Muslim, I know that Islam teaches us Muslims to only live and die for the sake of God, but these teachings have nothing to do with terrorism. Forget about killing, even unjustly hitting someone is prohibited in Islam.

As a Muslim, I am uncomfortable about people around me thinking that all Muslims are terrorists. Terrorism has no age, setting, nor does it have any religion. These terrorist

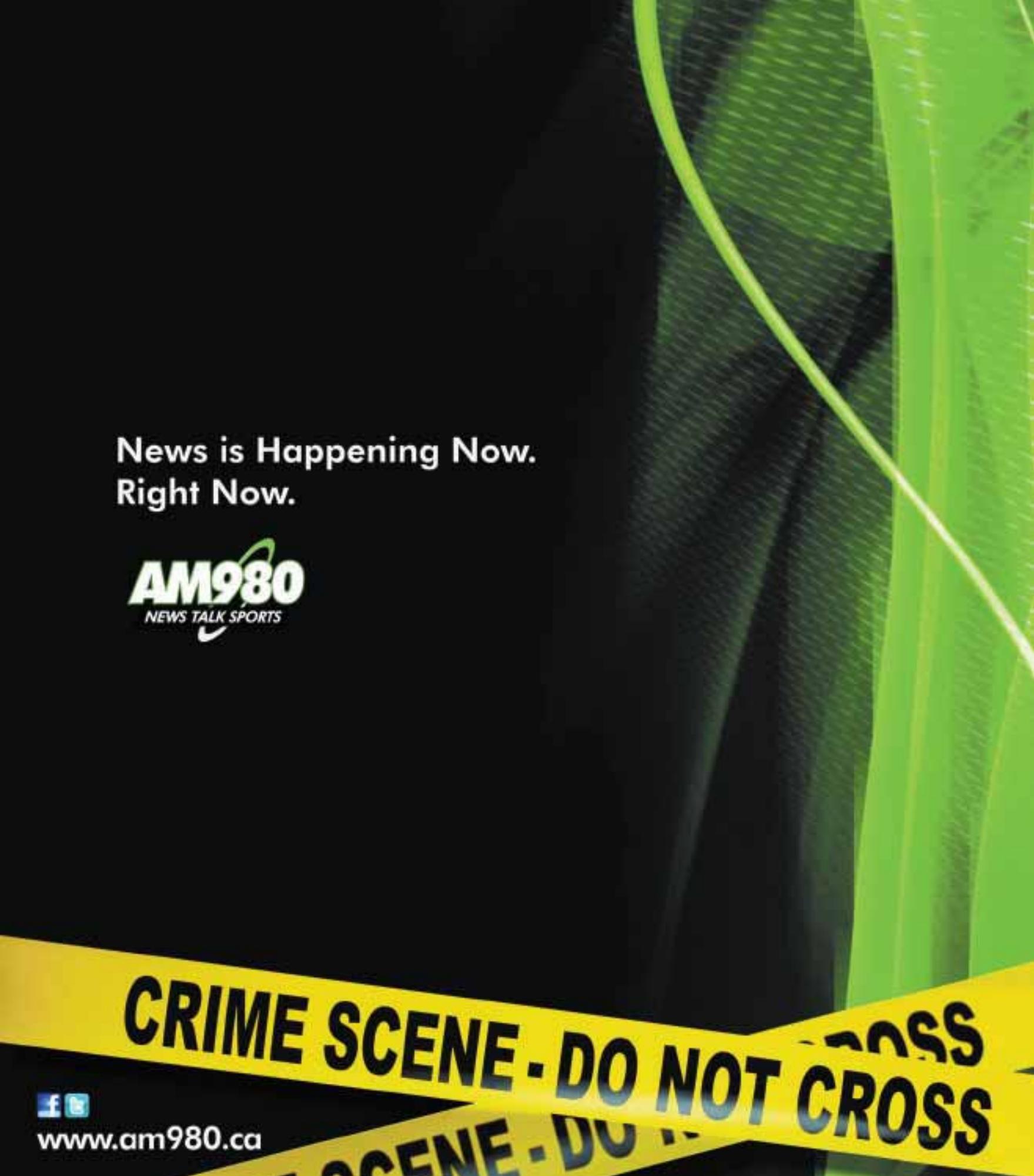
plots that have recently occurred have absolutely no connection with the teachings of Islam.

**Muhammed Bayraktar, Toronto**

#### RE: Tories To Use Mail Privileges Against Trudeau, posted April 24

Amazing! After the initial attack ads backfire, Conservative puppets everywhere are now trying to bash him for not having a platform for running the nation. He just won his party's leadership race, the election will not happen next week. If you want to get a feel for his political views, a few searches on YouTube is all you need.

**Jason Harris, Thornhill, Ont.**



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Synopsis

The movie takes place in a modern ice age. Survivors found refuge from the ice and snow far underground in places like Colony 7, a community run with an iron fist by former military man Briggs (Laurence Fishburne). The underground ecosystem is fragile at best. "It's not the cold we need to worry about, it's each other," says Sam (Kevin Zegers). An uneasy peace holds until a routine call to Colony 5 goes unanswered. As Briggs and a rescue team truck across the blustery tundra to investigate, things at Colony 7 go all Lord of the Flies. Unfortunately it's an even worse situation at Colony 5.

- Richard: ••••
- Mark: ••••

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Kevin Zegers, left, and Bill Paxton star in *The Colony*. HANDOUT

# Life on The Colony certainly lacks lustre

## Standard sci-fi.

A group of feral cannibals provide some excitement from an otherwise cardboard-cutout script

Richard: Mark, I thought *The Colony* made good use of the situation to build atmosphere and tension. The icy outside and claustrophobic interiors (it was shot at the decommissioned North American Aerospace Defense Command base in North Bay, Ont.) do the trick, and keep you uncomfortable throughout. Shadows and creepy sounds stand-in for elaborate special effects, but when the going gets bloody,

old school nasty action effects — like a bisected bad guy skull — are effective and cringe inducing. Were you hot or cold on it?

Mark: Somewhere between tepid and lukewarm, Richard. Although there's nothing wrong with this movie, there's not much that is original or memorable. It's a little bit zombie, a little bit aliens, a little bit haunted house. The atmosphere and tension are well done, but that isn't enough. The real mystery is how they got Laurence Fishburne to appear in what feels like a super or direct-to-video release.

RC: I hear you. On the downside *The Colony* has many of the standard plot devices used in sci-fi thrillers — who doesn't

see the sacrifice of the metaphorical red shirt coming? — and the ultimate survivors just happen to be the good-looking ones who escape to Adam and Eve it up elsewhere. But it makes up for its deficiencies with some excellently feral cannibals and an ending that, while hopeful, is still bleaker and cooler than we might expect if this was a big Hollywood movie.

MB: I didn't find the ending bleak at all. What I did find bleak was casting Bill Paxton and giving him a one dimensional papier mâché role. Mind you, none of the characters were particularly vivid.

RC: Bill Paxton has been in WAY worse movies than this. I kind of liked the simplicity

of the whole thing. Reminded me of an old school action movie that stereotypes as a kind of shorthand to let the audience know what to expect. It's not the characters that are interesting — they're the standard hero, anti-hero types — it's their actions. This movie doesn't reinvent the wheel by any means, but the journey the characters went on entertained me. Besides, any movie featuring feral cannibals is OK in my books.

MB: Hey, I like a feral cannibal as much as the next guy; I mean, it's not like I'm a vegan. I was modestly entertained by the movie but I thought it could have been better with a few more rewrites. I will say this, though: North Bay has never looked better.

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## Don Cheadle. When it comes to press tours, he's a real Iron Patriot

Don Cheadle's been on a pretty intense world tour for Iron Man 3, and it's beginning to wear on him. "I'm beat, but you know. It's the home stretch," he offers with a shrug as we sit down to start our interview in Los Angeles. That home stretch, by the way, is nothing to sneeze at: "We leave Thursday for New York, Toronto, it just goes on," he says. But when you're promoting one of the biggest superhero franchises on the planet — playing James "Rhodey" Rhodes, who suits up as Iron Man's government-sanctioned counterpart Iron Patriot — this kind of schedule is par for the course.

**With a movie this size, I guess it's what you signed up for.**  
Yeah, you forget that. It's like having a baby for a woman, you know. If I could remember this every time I did a movie, I'd probably just quit.

**How was it different for you as an actor having Shane Black directing compared to**



Don Cheadle stars as Iron Man's government-sanctioned sidekick Iron Patriot. GETTY IMAGES

### Jon Favreau?

Well, having Shane be the writer of the piece, there's a lot more of a shorthand, a lot quicker sort of availability to the writer when we're going over the scenes and going through the scenes. There's a lot of improv that happens, but the improv is in sort of a controlled playground, you know? There's not a lot of improv that's happening on camera.

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### Robert Downey Jr.

The Iron Man franchise has been a big part of Downey Jr.'s comeback. Here the actor talks about the evolution of Tony Stark

JÉRÔME VERMELIN  
Metro World News in Paris

**After the huge success of the first two Iron Man movies, followed by the Avengers, were you even in the position to turn down this third instalment?**

I signed up for three movies, so I didn't have the choice. But I wanted to do it. I promise.

**Did you have a say when it came to the evolution of your character?**

Working on this kind of project, you're dealing with so many egos. A guy in a suit tells you, "This is the movie I want to make." And you're like, "Hang on a minute, what

are you going on about?!" Iron Man 3, is first and foremost director Shane Black's movie. He wrote the script together with Drew Pearce, another super talented guy. They spoke to all those involved for two weeks and then they disappeared. They came back two weeks later with a script that was 100 times better than what we had originally discussed. It was a surprise. Normally, with this kind of movie, you read the script and you think, "F—, how am I going to film this trash?" It's another kind of surprise.

**After Avengers, is it nice to go back to being the main character?**

We absolutely wanted to come back to something more "real." I have to admit, I love arriving on set and seeing how huge it all is. Bombs exploding and all ... Only, when I go out and watch a movie, I'm a bit of a snob. The most important thing is the relationship between the characters. In Iron Man 3, Tony has no armour and no Pepper (Potts, his assistant and love interest, played by Gwyneth Paltrow). He really has to fight.



Robert Downey Jr. is still super at age 48. GETTY IMAGES

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## Pain & Gain

Director. Michael Bay

Stars. Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson, Anthony Mackie

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The real-life tale of three Miami-based body builders (Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson and Anthony Mackie) who abduct a prominent local businessman (Tony Shalhoub) in a plot to grab his wealth is so outlandish that director Michael Bay flashes up a graphic in the last half hour reminding us this is "STILL a true story." Playing like an episode of *CSI: Miami* performed by the Three Stooges, this is a violent, funny movie featuring likeable actors playing unlikeable people. **RICHARD CROUSE**



## The Big Wedding

Director. Justin Zackham

Stars. Amanda Seyfried, Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon

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All the pretty lakeside country homes, big stars and cool clothes can't save this family gathering comedy from instant oblivion. Flat humour leaning on fart, barf and orgasm jokes and painfully inauthentic dialogue is just the start. The actors are clearly giving their all, but they're licked. Copping feels at dinner is about as funny as it gets. A blended family of one dimensional "types" dredges up its dirty secrets on the eve of the son's wedding; this gives them license to act out.

**ANNE BRODIE**

## Children of the screen

"I have a big thing about child actors, and that is I have an aversion to child actors who 'act' as opposed to child actors who can be natural, who can be real ... Scarlett Johansson was a kid when we did *The Horse Whisperer* and I was very concerned if a child looked like they were acting it would be like fingernails on a blackboard."

Robert Redford, who stars along with acting newcomer Jackie Evancho in the film *The Company You Keep*.  
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## Remembering

### Winehouse documentary on tap

The director of award-winning film *Senna* is making a documentary about the late soul singer Amy Winehouse. The Winehouse family said in a statement Thursday that it had been approached with many documentary proposals, but *Senna* director Asif Kapadia and producer James Gay-Rees presented a vision that would "look at Amy's story sensitively, honestly and without sensationalizing her."

## Celebrating film

### Affleck to receive honorary doctorate

Academy Award-winning actor and director Ben Affleck is among six artists, writers, scientists and educators selected to receive honorary degrees from Brown University at next month's graduation ceremonies.

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Olga Kurylenko and Tom Cruise star in Oblivion. HANDOUT

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## Happy Endings season finale

Happy Endings concludes Friday with back-to-back episodes starting with Penny's mom and Dave's dad announcing they'd like to adopt a baby. Meanwhile, Brad and Jane join an exclusive tennis club to get time to themselves, but Max learns of their plan. It's followed by the season finale, where Alex and Jane's older sister gets married and Jane is charged with planning the wedding. Meanwhile, Brad is left to tend to the fiancé, and Alex and Dave harbour a secret from the gang. (City, ABC)



Steve Buscemi stars as Nucky Thompson in *Boardwalk Empire*.  
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## Boardwalk Empire from the start

The critically lauded pay-tv series *Boardwalk Empire* heads lower down the dial Friday to reach viewers without premium TV subscriptions. Steve Buscemi stars as Atlantic City treasurer Nucky Thompson, who reigns over vicious power struggles and backroom politics. The slick pilot is said to have cost HBO staggering \$18 million. (Showcase)

## Star-studded White House dinner

The annual White House Correspondents' Dinner airs live Saturday with Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Steven Spielberg, Nicole Kidman and Kevin Spacey said to be among the glitterati on the guestlist. Hosted by Conan O'Brien, the hottest bash

in Washington typically features the U.S. President himself delivering some choice comic barbs. Proceeds from the dinner help fund more than \$100,000 in scholarships. (CNN)

## Vikings debut season finishes

Season one of *Vikings* ends Sunday with Ragnar assembling a party to travel to Gotaland (modern-day Sweden) to resolve a land dispute with the area's leader, Jarl Borg. Ragnar's renown reaches Jarl Borg, who is intrigued by the prospect of a new ally. Meanwhile in Kattegat, the plague takes its toll on the village and the people look to Lagertha to help appease the gods. For those who missed episodes along the way, fret not — a *Vikings* marathon airs right before the finale. (History) **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Global strife is why The Walking Dead thrives

**Steven Yeun's opinion.** Actor who plays Glen Rhee sees show as edgy outlet for those who foresee real life apocalypse

One of the stars from *The Walking Dead* has an interesting perspective on why viewers can't get enough of the AMC television megahit which has just concluded its third season.

Steven Yeun suggests the series, which is based on comic books of the same name, is tapping into a global uneasiness already out there.

The show stars Andrew Lincoln as sheriff's deputy Rick Grimes, who wakes up after being in a coma to find out the world has become dominated by zombies. Grimes sets out to find his family and any other human survivors along the way.

Yeun, who plays former pizza delivery boy Glen Rhee, joined the cast way back in the second episode of season one. "I think the draw of the zombie genre to begin with was always about the survival," Yeun said.

"It was always the idea of how do you come back from this apocalyptic situation and stay alive? I think for our show it's kind of cool, because in the world there's sort of this global feeling of apocalypse, regardless of whether it's justified, or if it's just kind of with the financial crisis or whatever it is."

Yeun said it's no surprise that a shaky world economy or



Yeun's character Glen, left, seen here blending in with zombies, has become a leader in the hit show. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/AMC

threats of a nuclear attack by North Korea are causing the viewing public to flock to the Georgia-filmed show in droves.

"It's cool to jump in and watch a television show and say, 'Hey, I might be that character in real life' and follow him or her the entire way through. It's definitely the characters."

He said he talks to people who say it's not even the type of show they would watch, but they're drawn in. For instance, included in the viewership is a high percentage of female viewers, which is unusual for a sci-fi television series which is anything but short on gore.

"I think it's Norman Re-

edus, but he'd hate me if I said that," Yeun laughs in reference to character Daryl Dixon, who is one of the main zombie hunters. "He's a true badass and he has a heart of gold. If you're not dialling in to watch that, I don't know what you're doing."

Reedus and actress Melissa McBride, who plays Carol, a woman who is the last surviving member of her family, are scheduled to be among the celebrity guests at the Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo this weekend.

The fourth season is scheduled to begin in October and the show has not been shy about killing off main characters. Last season saw the

deaths of Lori Grimes, the main character's wife, Merle Dixon, Daryl's brother and a former lawyer named Andrea.

"You don't want to have that phone call where they tell you you're not going to live," said Yeun. "I think you make peace with it and ... to be a part of it in any amount is great. And if you die, they'll kill you off in the way that's most impactful."

Yeun's character has evolved from a cautious young man bent on survival in season one to a leader who has found a love-interest named Maggie and thinks nothing of going head-to-head with a zombie.

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# Ke\$ha heads to reality land with MTV series

**My Crazy Beautiful Life.** Half hour show filmed over last two years of singer's life

Ke\$ha Kardashian? Not quite. The wild and playful pop star is a huge fan of the

swarm of Kardashian reality shows, but says her new series is far from what you see on the small screen from Kim, Kourtney and Khloe.

"I have a love for the Kardashians; I'm not going to lie to you," the 26-year-old said in a recent interview. "I love that show, but it's very different. I do not look as pretty as they do — like at

all. During my show, there's a lot of moments with no makeup at all, like I'm in a T-shirt running around in my underwear."

Six 30-minute episodes make up Ke\$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life, which debuted Tuesday on MTV. Her brother, Lagan Sebert, filmed the singer over two years while she toured and recorded music. The show includes silly moments backstage, clips of Ke\$ha making out with boys, as well as interactions with her fans, friends and mother Pebe Sebert, who co-wrote songs on each of Ke\$ha's albums.

In one episode, Ke\$ha stalks her ex-boyfriend, who was the subject of her 2010 tune The Harold Song.

"I bumped into him recently and I was kind of like, 'Sorry about that,'" she said.

Ke\$ha, who has a party-girl vibe, said some members of her team worried about what she would air on the show.

"I'm pretty game for most things, honestly," she said of what viewers will see. "There are issues that my record label has and my publicist, they don't want me to do lots of things, but ... I feel like the message has to be genuine for me. That's why I am showing all the imperfections."

Ke\$ha's reality show comes five months after she released her second full-length album, Warrior, which features the smash single Die Young. The series could help push sales since the album has only moved 252,000 units, ac-



MTV viewers are about to get a closer look at chart-topping singer Ke\$ha. GETTY IMAGES

cording to Nielsen SoundScan. It's not matching the immediate success of her 2009 debut, Animal, which has sold more than 1 million albums and launched four Top 10 singles, including her breakthrough anthem TiK ToK. Cannibal, the EP she released 10 months after her debut, has reached gold status.

Despite that, Ke\$ha said that since releasing her debut she's been calling the shots when it comes to her career.

"Now I really run my (business). I don't let anything slip through the cracks without me managing it, every aspect of it," said Ke\$ha, who will join rapper Pitbull on a co-headlining tour May 23 in Boston.

"Because the media can be very critical and if they're going to criticize something that I do, I want it to be very much something I was involved in."

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## 3 Songs for the Weekend



**SOUND CHECK**  
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A royal musical scandal, a cassingle (remember those?) and the start of F. Scott Fitzgerald mania



**Koningslied/ John Ewbank**

With a new king ready to take the Dutch throne next week, this official song — King's Song — was loudly rejected after the subjects revolted. You don't need a translation to understand why.



**Alien Days/ MGMT**

A record store day release on, um, cassette? Were they unclear on the concept? New album coming in June.



**Over the Love/ Florence and the Machine**

With another remake of The Great Gatsby due in theatres next month, you have to wonder what moneyed Long Islanders would have made of Florence Welch in 1922.

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Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Do you believe he's a stoner?

Justin Bieber's European tour hit another snag Wednesday night in Stockholm when police raided his tour bus, reportedly discovering a small amount of drugs and a stun gun, according to the Associated Press. A police officer working crowd control outside the bus noticed a suspicious smell and ordered the raid. The substance found aboard is said to be marijuana and has been sent to a lab for testing. Bieber had vacated

the bus half an hour prior to the raid to take the stage at the Globe Arena, and the bus was empty at the time of the search. "No one was cited or arrested," a source says. "There were no violations." Bieber himself doesn't appear to be letting the news get to him. "Some of the rumours about me, where do people even get this stuff?" he tweeted upon arrival in Finland Thursday morning. "Whatever. Back to the music."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

#### Deschanel gets an apology

##### THE WORD

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The closed captioning company that erroneously reported that the Boston Marathon bombing suspect still on the loose last week was named Zooey Deschanel has officially apologized to the New Girl actress, People.com writes.

During Friday's hunt for 19-year-old Dzhokhar



Tsarnaev, the closed captioning that appeared on Dallas-Fort Worth's Fox 4 read "He is 19-year-old Zooey Deschanel." Upon seeing the snafu for herself, Deschanel took to Twitter to write "Whoah! Epic closed captioning FAIL!"

He may have found success playing a Washington fixer on the Netflix series House of Cards, but Kevin Spacey does not have any political aspirations of his own. "I'm a person who likes to set a goal and then achieve it. I like to get things done," Spacey tells Capitol File magazine. "I would never walk into a profession where I'd (know) I was going to be frustrated for the rest of my life."



Kevin Spacey

### Twitter



@billclinton

Just spent amazing time with Colbert! Is he sane? He is cool!



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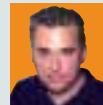
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## Liquid Assets

## Nod to spring



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While the thermometers across the country may be telling a different story, spring has sprung in Canada. Just because you still have to wear your winter coat to let out the cat doesn't mean you can't embrace all that's fresh and lively about the season.

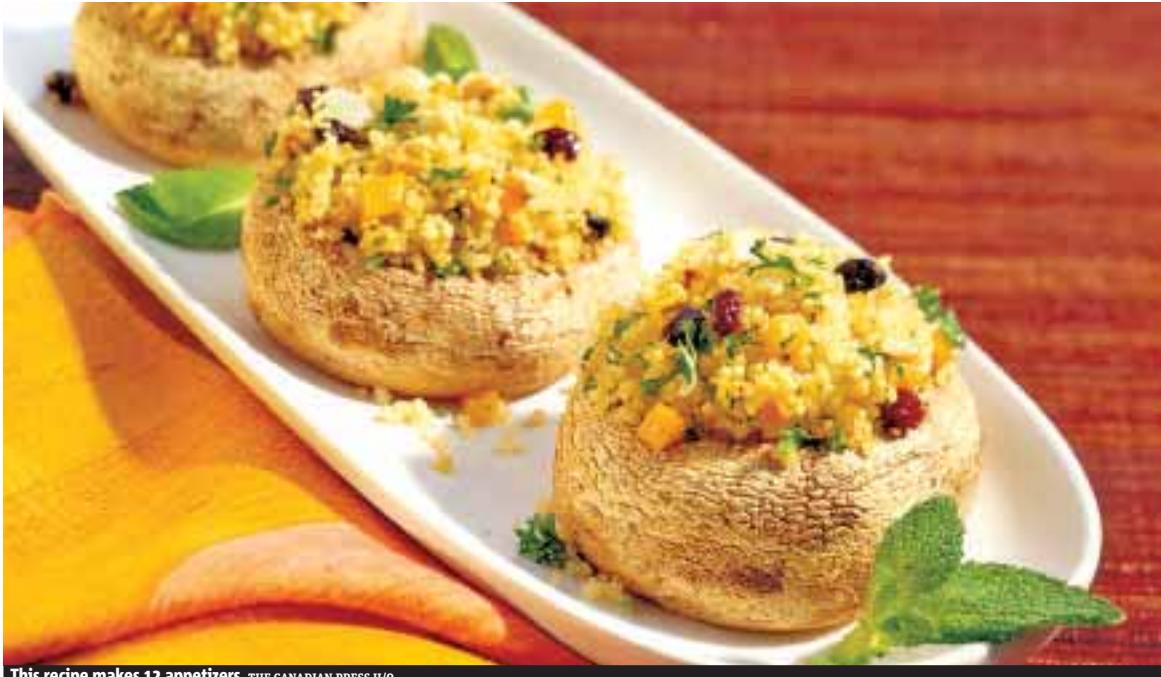
The bright flavours synonymous with a spring menu can easily be found in a glass. White grapes like riesling, Viognier and Gewürztraminer offer floral aromas and plush fruit expression, no matter where they're grown. They also make ideal partners for casual dishes, especially this week's mint-led recipe.

Softer red grapes such as pinot noir, grenache and merlot make a perfect partner for mushrooms, especially if they come stuffed with a little spice.

A happy middle ground is a rosé or blush wine. Though often accused of being the soda pop of the wine world, White Zinfandel's status has risen, lately, thanks to the popularity of wines with a sweeter edge.

Incredibly food-friendly, Beringer's California Collection 2011 White Zinfandel (\$9.95 to \$12.49) is slightly drier than you might expect, with a thirst-quenching finish that shouts spring. **PRICES**

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This recipe makes 12 appetizers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

# Refreshing mint isn't just for your breath

## Moroccan-Stuffed Mushrooms

This appetizer has a subtle but important addition

The addition of couscous, coriander, cumin and mint gives a Middle Eastern flavour to stuffed mushrooms.

Assemble the filling for this appetizer one to two days ahead, then fill the mushrooms just before serving.

1. Cut stems from washed

mushrooms and trim inside edge of cap to enlarge stuffing area. Set caps aside. Finely chop mushroom stems.

2. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add mushroom stems, onion, carrot and garlic. Cook, stirring often, 5 mins. or until softened. Add cumin, coriander, couscous, stock, currants. Cover and bring to a boil; remove from heat and let stand 5 mins. Fluff with fork. Add parsley and mint.

3. Just before you want to serve mushrooms, heat oven to 200°C

## Ingredients

- 12 large white mushrooms, about 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vegetable oil
- Half an onion, finely chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped raw carrot
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground coriander
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) uncooked quick couscous
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) vegetable stock
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) currants
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped fresh parsley
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped fresh mint

(400 F). Fluff couscous mixture again and fill mushroom caps. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or

until mushrooms are tender. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FOODLAND ONTARIO

# Starring mint and parsley

Tabbouleh is a Middle Eastern dish that can be made with bulgur, quinoa or, in this case, barley. But the mint and parsley are the real stars.

1. In a saucepan, place barley and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook 40 mins., then chill.

2. In bowl, combine cooked barley, parsley and mint. Add onion and cucumber.

## Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) pot barley
- 500 ml (2 cups) water
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped parsley
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped mint
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped green or red onion
- 1 cucumber, coarsely chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) lemon juice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- Black pepper, to taste
- 3 plum tomatoes, chopped
- Fresh mint leaves, for garnish

3. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, cinnamon, salt and pepper; pour over barley mixture and mix well.

Shortly before serving, stir in tomatoes. Garnish with fresh mint leaves. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ ALBERTA BARLEY COMMISSION, GOBARLEY.COM

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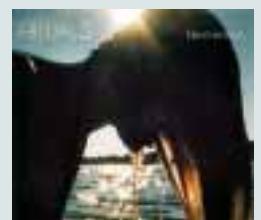
## Down the rabbit hole

Windells Chocolates is putting on a Mad Hatter Craft Show on Saturday at Bellamere Winery (1260 Gainsborough Rd.). The Alice in Wonderland-themed show will feature more than 40 artists and vendors selling everything from tea to handbags to handmade soap. There will also be several "kids fun mad stations," so feel free to bring them along too. The show goes from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, and free for kids. Courtesy May Windell.



## Spring birds

Now that spring is finally here, Nature London is organizing a bird-watching hike around Westminster Ponds, near the intersection of Commissioners and Wellington roads. The spring migration has been happening for several weeks so there's sure to be plenty of birds to see, like the male and female buffleheads pictured above. The guided hike meets at 7 a.m. on May 1, and there's no charge. For more information, visit naturelondon.ca. Photo by Paul Nicholson.



## Rituals EP release

It's set to be a great night of Ontario music Friday at The APK (347 Clarence St.) as Toronto band Rituals celebrates the release of a new 12-inch EP. The self-described "lo-fi dream punk trio" will be supported by Dusted, also from Toronto and London's Bill Pond. Rituals' unique sound is a refreshing change from the same old radio rock — if you're looking for something new, you won't be disappointed. Doors open at 9 p.m. Admission is \$6. The show is 19+. Courtesy Adam Seward.



## Arty party

The Unity Project is putting on its fifth annual UPwithART fundraiser Saturday. The local homelessness relief charity is promising "360 degrees of entertainment" — meaning everywhere you look, there will be paintings, sculptures, music, theatre and dance. Forty works donated from the private collection of Ron Benner and Jamelie Hassan will be auctioned. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre (710 Dundas St.). Admission is \$5. Courtesy Silvia Langer.



## Happy birthday, co-op

The London Skateboard Co-op (614 Dundas St.) will mark its first anniversary Saturday with an all-day celebration. There will be an all-day skate session at the Wolseley Barracks skate park with prizes for the best skaters, blow-out prices at the skate shop from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and a licensed all-ages show at Call The Office (216 York St.) at 8 p.m., headlined by Radio Delete, Excelsior and Motive Force. Concert admission is \$5. It's free co-op members. Courtesy London Skateboard Co-op.



## Phoenix rising

On Tuesday, the ninth annual Framing the Phoenix art exhibition opens at The ARTS Project (203 Dundas St.) in support of mental health. The show is organized by the Mental Health Promotions Committee of London each year to showcase the work of artists who have been affected by mental-health issues, and to help fight the stigma about mental illness. The exhibit runs until May 4. Tuesday's opening reception is from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Painting by Lucy Ogletree

# Virtue, Moir soaking it all in before Sochi

**Figure skating.** Local ice dance stars take brief breather before focusing in on career finale at 2014 Games

Three women are fussing over Tessa Virtue. One gently brushes her ponytail, another holds up different dangling earrings and another is trying on potential hairpieces.

The Olympic gold medallist doesn't mind the pampering.

Virtue and ice dance partner Scott Moir are in Toronto on a rare day away from the ice to do a photo shoot for Today's Bride magazine (don't read anything into that). And with likely just 10 months to go in their career, the Canadians are soaking up every bit of the experience.

"We have to enjoy the process, and we have to take these moments now while we're still competing and just look around and think: lucky us. Lucky us that we get to be here; everyone is fussing over us, we're getting our hair and makeup done," says Virtue, looking stunning in a strapless wedding gown.

"It's really special and it's nice to share with friends and family and have some good photos to look back on."

#### Quoted

**"Lightning doesn't strike twice.... We hope that our skating has grown, and we have to showcase a couple of different elements in this year's program that we didn't in Vancouver."**

Scott Moir on the ice dance duo's outlook going into the 2014 Olympics



Local ice dance duo Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir pose during a photo shoot for Today's Bride on Thursday in Toronto.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Virtue and Moir have barely taken a breath since capping their competitive season last month with a silver medal at the world championships in their hometown of London.

They're three dates into the Stars On Ice tour, which covers 12 Canadian cities in three weeks, including Friday in Toronto.

They were at the Maple Leafs game Saturday in Ottawa

when Toronto clinched its first playoff berth since 2004.

"It was amazing," Virtue says. "What was surprising is I think there were almost more Leafs fans than Senators fans. It was fun to be there when the Leafs clinched a playoff spot."

Moir said he was performing his Grade 8 play when Toronto last made the post-season and hopes to see some playoff action live.

"They'll have to last for us to (get to any games). Hopefully they get to the second round because Stars on Ice will take us at least to the end of the first round," Moir said.

The 23-year-old Virtue and Moir, 25, will take a couple of weeks off at the end of May.

Then it's all business until

the Sochi Olympics for the pair, who will look to win gold once more before the curtain comes down on their careers.

"I think last time going into Vancouver, we were kind of sleeping in the grass, nobody knew about us, nobody thought we'd be coming out on top in Vancouver," Moir says.

"I think this year we'll have a plan like we did last time. We kind of just shut the doors at a certain point just so we're ready. We want to go out there and we know the opportunities will be there if we do our job, which is winning gold. So we have to make sure we take care of that first and foremost. We're doing this (photo shoot) now, but come September and October...." THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### NFL

**Chiefs use first pick on big tackle Fisher**

The Kansas City Chiefs took offensive tackle Eric Fisher of Central Michigan first overall at the NFL draft Thursday night in New York.

The six-foot-seven, 306-pound Fisher became the first player from the Mid-American Conference taken to open the draft. He is the third offensive tackle picked No. 1 overall since the 1970 merger and broke a string of four straight quarterbacks taken first: Matthew Stafford, Sam Bradford, Cam Newton and Andrew Luck.

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OT Eric Fisher was taken first overall by the Kansas City Chiefs in Thursday night's NFL draft in New York. GETTY IMAGES

#### Hockey

**Canada crushes Czech Republic**

Connor McDavid scored a hat trick and Philippe Desrosiers earned the shutout as Canada blanked the Czech Republic 6-0 on Thursday in quarter-final play at the world under-18 hockey championship in Sochi, Russia.

Sam Reinhart, Nick Bapiste and Laurent Dauphin also scored for Canada, who will play Finland on Friday.

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Alex Gordon of the Kansas City Royals celebrates his 10th inning grand slam with teammate Chris Getz while playing against the Tigers at Comerica Park in Detroit on Thursday. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

# Justin's digit a Royal problem for Tigers

**MLB.** Kansas City jumps all over Detroit after starter departs with blistered thumb

Justin Verlander left the game with a blister on his thumb, and suddenly Detroit's one-run lead felt a bit less safe.

Sure enough, the Kansas City Royals scored six times in the next three innings.

Alex Gordon's grand slam highlighted a five-run 10th inning for Kansas City, which rallied against the Detroit bullpen for an 8-3 win over the Tigers on Thursday.

Verlander is day to day with what the team said was cracked skin on his throwing thumb. He and manager Jim Leyland described the injury as a blister.

"It developed a little in my last start. Started getting a little bit worse after the fifth, and I started to notice it," Verlander

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said. "I didn't want to risk it becoming something that I might have to deal with in my next start and the start after that, and then it turns into a month. This way, it isn't an issue. That's why I got out of there."

Verlander's departure gave reliever Bruce Rondon a chance to make his major league debut. The hard-throwing 22-year-old replaced Verlander with a 3-2 lead in the eighth, but he allowed the tying run that inning.

George Kottaras put the Royals ahead 4-3 in the 10th with a bases-loaded walk off Phil Coke (0-3). Darin Downs

came on for Detroit after that, but Gordon broke the game open one out later with his homer over the centre-field wall.

Verlander allowed two runs — one earned — in seven innings.

Tim Collins (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the Royals and got the win.

The game started after a 30-minute rain delay, another interruption in an unusual road trip for the Royals. Kansas City had a game at Boston last Friday postponed because of the manhunt for a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings.

When the Royals arrived in Detroit for what was supposed to be a three-game series, the opener was rained out Tuesday.

Kansas City has not played a home game since April 14. Since then, the Royals have played seven road games in 11 days. They'll be back home Friday night against Cleveland.

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## National League

### Pirates add to Phillies' misery

If it can go wrong for the Phillies, it is right now.

Gaby Sanchez homered and drove in three runs, and Garrett Jones hit a go-ahead, two-run double to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-4 comeback victory over the struggling Philadelphia Phillies.

The slumping Phillies offence scored more than three runs for just the ninth time in 23 games, but this time Cliff Lee and the Philadelphia bullpen couldn't hold on to a late-inning lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Phillies reliever Philippe Arnout leaves the mound after a three-run eighth inning on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

## NHL playoffs. Box office short circuit leaves Maple Leafs' fans out in the cold

A technical glitch has left some frustrated Toronto Maple Leafs fans without play-off tickets.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Ltd., and Ticketmaster Canada apologized after fans couldn't purchase tickets when a limited number were supposed to go on sale at 10 a.m. Thursday on Ticketmaster.ca and MLSE.com.

The ticket links on the two websites experienced technical issues that took about a half

an hour to resolve, the glitch leaving many fans believing the tickets were already sold out.

Popular humour Twitter feed @stats-canada wrote "100% of Leafs fans are having as much trouble buying Leafs tickets this year as the previous 9."

The schedule for the opening round of the playoffs will be following the end of the regular season on Sunday.

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A computer glitch at Ticketmaster prevented hockey fans from buying playoff tickets on Thursday.

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## Horoscopes

## Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may be independent by nature but lately you have allowed other people to lead you in directions that are not right for you. It's time to put a stop to it. It's time to reassess your autonomy. Do it now.

## Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Speak your mind without fear but be ready for the backlash. Some people are a bit touchy from yesterday's eclipse, so it's best to steer clear of certain topics. Unless you're looking for a fight, of course.

## Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The planets urge you to keep a low profile over the next 24 hours. Your emotional and physical batteries are depleted and you need plenty of rest to bring you back up to par.

## Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Someone who is as different to you as is possible will inspire you to seek answers in a new direction. For quite some time now you have felt that something is lacking. Find out what it is.

## Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Is someone in a position of power being nice to you because they want something that only you can provide? Or is their concern with your welfare genuine? It's the former.

## Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

An opportunity is slipping away from you and you need to act fast. Most likely you have taken too long to make up your mind about it but you no longer have that luxury.

## Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Keep telling yourself everyone is different and everyone has their own way of dealing with life. In the greater scheme of things everything, and everyone, has its place.

## Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Yesterday's eclipse stirred up emotions and it may be some time before you get back to normal. Remember that applies to other people as well, so don't overreact if someone says something out of turn.

## Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you don't feel confident about taking on some new responsibility, don't push it. The choice is yours to make and if certain people try to hurry you into making it, you should give it a miss.

## Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Steer clear of issues that are likely to be contentious. Even if someone asks you in a friendly manner what you think of a certain situation, it may be best to give an answer that can be taken several ways.

## Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

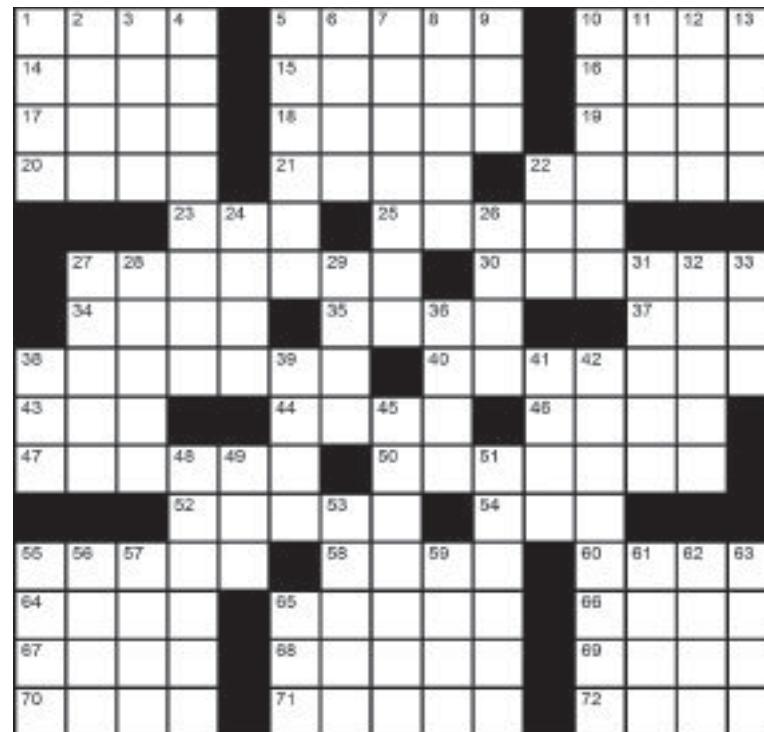
You may find it hard to force yourself to be enthusiastic about something you don't much enjoy doing. But seeing as you will have to do it, you might as well make the effort.

## Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

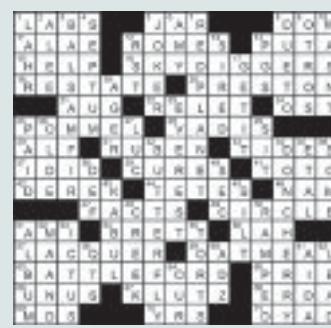
Don't ignore information that makes you uneasy. You can pretend it does not exist, but you are delaying the inevitable. Deal with it now while you're still in control. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down



52. Creature  
54. Grey shade  
55. Not connected  
58. \_\_\_ of the curtains  
60. Police K-9  
64. 'Rice-A-\_\_\_', The San Francisco Treat!  
65. Not major  
66. Thorned flower  
67. Tennis great Mr. Hubbard  
70. Hubbubs  
71. Sampras  
72. Flag, in French; or, Montreal's mayor during Expo 67  
8. Carpentry pin  
9. Couture letters  
10. Earth's largest desert  
11. Book of \_\_\_ (Old Testament book)  
12. Lumoxox

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**  
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

5	8	3	7	9	6	4	2	1
9	7	8	4	1	2	8	3	5
1	4	2	5	3	8	9	6	7
7	3	4	8	6	5	1	9	2
2	1	8	3	4	9	7	5	6
6	5	9	1	2	7	3	8	4
4	9	7	2	5	3	6	1	8
8	6	5	9	7	1	2	4	3
3	2	1	6	8	4	5	7	9

8	9	1		
3			6	7
5	9		3	8
6	3	5		9
			2	
1			9	5
			6	3
4	8			
7	2			5
		3	4	1



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